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In re application of: Wittwer, et al.

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For: Method for Rapid Thermal Cycling of Biological Samples

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002. This Amendment is being filed on or before December 10, 2002, making it a timely response. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-67724-8/RFT/SPL/469322-00005). Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim set:

---59. (Twice Amended) A method of subjecting a sample to rapid thermal cycling, said method comprising: